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SUBJ: DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO. 13
(SEPT 17-OCT 31, 1975) AND ACETIC ANHYDRIDE FROM JAPAN

DEA HQS PLS PASS EN/DURKIN: EO/CUSACK, AND EOIF/MINGIONE

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HONG KONG PASS DEA/SAIC SHOSTROM

SAIC DELANY, TOKYO DO, SENDS

1. FOR YOUR INFO, ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1975 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
EDITIONS OF TWO JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS EACH CARRIED A
SIGNIFICANT ARTICLE CONCERNING: (1) LARGE QUANTITIES OF
JAPANESE MANUFACTURED ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, DESTINED FOR USE
IN PRODUCTION OF HEROIN, WHICH HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN HONG KONG:
(2) THE URGENT NEED FOR EXCHANGE OF NARCOTIC/DRUG
INFORMATION AND STUDY OF NARCOTIC/DRUG INVESTIGATIVE
TECHNIQUES BETWEEN THE U S AND S E ASIAN COUNTRIES,
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AND: (3) HOW PART OF THIS NEED FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE

AND STUDY WILL BE MET BY DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO 13. WHICH FOUR JAPANESE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS AND OTHER S E ASIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND FROM SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1975 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

2. TOKYO D.O. BELIEVES ARTICLES ARE SIGNIFICANT INASMUCH AS THEY REPRESENT FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT: (1) QUOTE JAPAN MAY NOW BE ASSUMING A ROLE OF SUPPLYING THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE (ACETIC ANHYDRIDE) REQUIRED IN REFINING HEROIN UNQUOTE: (2) THAT QUOTE ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY FROM HONG KONG POLICE AUTHORITIES,FIVE TONS OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED FROM JAPAN TO HONG KONG ON FREIGHTERS OVER THE PAST YEAR UNQUOTE: (3) AND THAT QUOTE NARCOTICS AGENTS HERE SUSPECTED THAT JAPAN WAS BEING USED AS A RELAY STATION IN THE SMUGGLING OF HEROIN TO THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE.

3. FR 20 A/O BRADLEY SOLOMON IS TRAVELING TO DEA HQS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1975, THEREFORE, IN INTERESTS OF ECONOMY COPIES OF COMPLETE ARTICLES WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM AT TOKYO FOR HAND DELIVERY TO DEA HQS EOI AND TR.

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